REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the present amendment, applicants have canceled Claims 21 and 22. Therefore. The claims remaining for consideration by the Examiner are Claims 1-20. The amendments to the claims are to place the claims in better form and remove multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

The foregoing amendments to the specification are to place the Abstract on a separate sheet. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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